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Today's Scripture text is **Romans 1:22-24**,

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beast, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.

It is evident these individuals lack wisdom because they deny the invisible Godhead and His creation. They profess and declare openly they are wise; however, according to the Word of God, their perverted wisdom makes them fools. The truth is, they were fooled by their perverted minds because they no longer desired to retain a God-conscience or awareness. Innately within everyone there is the ability to know there is a greater power and deity than ourselves. Again, this proves sensual wisdom makes men fools. Listen to the words of Christ's half-brother:

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation (or life style) his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual (fleshly), devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion (unrest or disorder) and every evil work (where there is no godly wisdom evil will explode). But the wisdom that is from above is first pure (inno-

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cent) *then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated* (trusted), *full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality* (without contention), *and without hypocrisy* (**James 3:13-17**).

True followers of Christ gain wisdom from God's Word and His Holy Spirit. Because God's Word abides in us, our lifestyle produces meekness of wisdom, demonstrating our Christian conduct is genuine; not something we merely profess.

A true believer manifests the fruit of Christ's Spirit because He abides within them. Those who are full of bitter envy and strife openly demonstrate they still possess a sinful nature. Regrettably this rules their lives. Those who profess themselves as wise become fools and openly lie against the truth. However, the apostle James admonishes God's children to do the opposite.

Carnal wisdom comes from Satan whose wisdom was perverted during his time with Elohim while in Heaven. We read:

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee (**Ezekiel 28:17**).

The first sin was not in the Garden. Rather, it was in the presence of Jehovah. God is gracious, demonstrating His grace by allowing His creation to have free will.

James declares earthly wisdom is sensual and devilish. The Word of God makes it clear; humanistic effort – whether through humanism, psychiatry, or psychology – is flaw-

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ed because its origin is not from God. True wisdom only comes from above, which is a faithful display of the fullness of Christ alone.

Christ abiding within us allows the fullness of the Holy Spirit to have preeminence through the entirety of our lives. This is why it is imperative we seek to walk in the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul declared, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God”* (**Romans 8:14**).

Due to the chaos and confusion surrounding us, we daily need divine leadership within our lives. You only receive that leadership as you spend time in prayer. There is no such thing as a prayerless Christian!

Please do not be a mere *professor* but rather be a *possessor* of the true and living God. When men reject God and His holy Word, the consequence is mental corruption. Once men debase the Word of God, the consequence is the degradation of bodily acts and deeds.

We see in in our text, Paul declares they would desire to change the glorious God of Abraham, who is incorruptible, into something humanistic, which is corruptible. Humanism seeks to formulate God in another way, which is the embodiment of corruption. Though the apostle Paul is addressing sodomy and those who are reprobate, it must be noted that religious people are capable of these same things.

Remember, when Moses went up to Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments? Israel – bored and impatient – indulged themselves in a drunken orgy, commanding Aaron to make them a golden calf in the image of the purported sacred god

Apis, a four-footed beast. They openly worshipped this idol and declared, *“These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt”* (Exodus 32:4).

We have full proof of this ugly display of carnality and apostasy as they willingly abandoned the only true and living God.

Idleness is an evil that has filled America today, *“Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness...”* (Ezekiel 16:49). It saddens my heart to ask this, but, if people didn’t have a cell phone clutched in their hands most of the time, how much more productive would their lives be?

In the New Testament, we are warned, *“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God”* (Hebrews 3:12). And yet another warning follows, *“But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?”* (Hebrews 3:17).

The apostle Paul declares in **Romans 1:24**, when men do such evil things, Jehovah ultimately gives them over to commit acts of uncleanness: thus fulfilling the lust of the flesh by dishonoring their own bodies among themselves, meaning sodomy. When God gives men over to filth and degradation, they cease to understand or know Him.

Because of pride and arrogance, God nullifies their conscience. The psalmist declares, *“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts”* (Psalm 10:4). Another profound warning from Solomon states, *“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way...”* (Proverbs 8:13).

Once men set up idols – whether physical or spiritual idols – their hearts fill with filthiness, thus demanding their flesh and spirit follow

perverted lifestyles due to a lack of Godly wisdom. We have this solemn warning from God’s promises,

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness (immorality) of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Once Jehovah allows this gravity of debasement, their minds exchange the truth of God for a lie.

Every day from nearly every news platform in America, perversion, instead of truth, is spewed across the airwaves. Truth has been criticized, abandoned, and cast to be trampled in the streets. Only foolish, cynical people do such things regarding the Word of our Lord.

We have yet another dire warning from a major prophet of God:

In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression (unjust gain) and revolt (rebellion), conceiving (birthing) and uttering from the heart words of falsehood (lies). And judgment (or law) is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity (integrity and uprightness) cannot enter (Isaiah 59:13-14).

This prophetic warning comes to fruition every day. Many openly lie against the Lord of glory, and many are departing from the faith. Just listen to the oppression and revolt coming from the “woke” crowd. These people are foolish and their hearts are darkened and ugly.

The prophet Isaiah declares these evil ones only bring forth falsehood and lies. Most could not care less about true justice and lawfulness. They all stand afar off from justice. They allow truth to be cast into the streets and trodden under the feet of men. Sadly, but soon, great persecution and judgment will fall upon America and around the world.

I encourage you to remain safely

and securely in the secret place of the highest God. When the storms of destruction become uncontrollable and man can no longer contain them, we will all need divine intervention. I have no fear of what is coming, but I do have great concern for those not prepared for the coming destruction.

America is now probably 10 times more vulnerable than when we were under the Obama administration. Biden and his cabinet look as though they were birthed from the P.T. Barnum Circus! Biden’s cabinet purports to be filled with wisdom, professing themselves to be wise, however, to me they appear akin to fools.

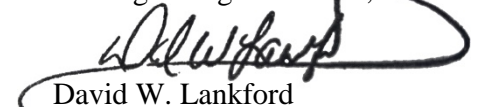
In six months’ time, this administration has foolishly change all the positive things the previous administration sought to accomplish and put in place for the posterity of America. Solomon declared, *“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”* (Proverbs 14:34).

In closing, let me remind you of our upcoming ***Revival in America Meeting*** at **Heritage USA in Fort Mill, South Carolina**. *Please register as soon as possible because seating is limited*. We want everyone who can attend to be there.

I believe God is going to demonstrate His mighty power in our presence as we assemble in His most holy name. One touch from God can positively affect your life for many weeks, months, or even a lifetime! We all need His touch personally and that is why we are putting forth this effort to have this meeting. Please register at our website (see letterhead) as soon as possible for we know Christ will visit with us in a special way.

Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and ministry support.

Serving Along Your Side,



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